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SUBJ: COM CONFERENCES ADDIS AND MONROVIA

NOVEMBER 1973

FOR ASST SEC NEWSOM

REF: STATE 189162

1. REFTEL INVITES ME TO PARTICIPATE ON PANEL TWO
AT MONROVIA COM CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 14-16.

2. IN SERIES DIRGEN CHANNEL EXCHANGES REGARDING MY
FUTURE, DIRGEN AUG 30 INFORMED ME THAT CONSULTATION/RESIGNATION
ORDERS WERE BEING PREPARED, WITH FUTURE TO BE DECIDED AFTER
ARRIVAL WASHDC AND I SHOULD INFORM DEPT MY DEPARTURE PLANS. UNCLASSIF
IED
ORDERS DATED AUGUST 31 ARRIVED INDICATING TRAVEL IN SEPT. I
ADVISED DIRGEN IN LIGHT OF CODEL VISIT, DROUGHT,
R&R ABSENCE DCM AND DEPARTURE FORMALITIES I WOULD PREFER
TO DELAY DEPARTURE UNTIL ABOUT OCT 15. ON SEPT 19 I
RECEIVED DIRGEN TEL APPROVING THIS PLAN. I HAVE ALSO
INFORMALLY INFORMED AFW DIRECTOR AGGREY OF FOREGOING
ETD, AND HAVE PROCEEDED WITH CALLS, FINAL APPOINTMENTS,
PACKERS, ETC IN COUNTDOWN AIMED AT THAT DATE.

3. IS IT NOW YOUR WISH THAT I A) REMAIN DAKAR UNTIL
CONFERENCE, OR B) GO OUT FROM WASHINGTON TO CONFERENCE?
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ALTERNATE A WOULD NOT LEAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR EMBASSY

ADMIN STAFF TO REPAINT AND REPAIR CRACKS IN RESIDENCE
BEFORE ARRIVAL SUCCESSOR. RE ALTERNATE B, BELIEVE THAT
DCM PERKINS OR SUCCESSOR EQUALLY, IF NOT BY THAT TIME
BETTER QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE, AND SUCH PARTICIPATION
WOULD BE MORE RELEVANT, THAN PRESENCE OF A LAME DUCK.
SHOULD PERKINS GO TO CONFERENCE, INCIDENTALLY, ALAN HARDY HAS PROVEN
PAST MONTH AS ACTING DCM TO BE DEFINITELY CAPABLE OF
RUNNING POST FOR PERIOD OF CONFERENCE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS.
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